FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO Section 3424, *Bactrocera zonata* Interior Quarantine

Title 3, California Code of Regulations

Update of Initial Statement of Reasons/Policy Statement Overview

The initial statement of reasons/policy statement overview is still valid.

Summary of and Response to Objections or Comments Regarding the Regulations

The summary of and response to each objection or comment received during the written comment period or received before or during the public hearing, if one was held are as follows:

No public hearing was held. No written comments or request for a public hearing were received during the public comment period.

Mandate on Local Agencies and School Districts

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that Section 3424 does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts, except that an agricultural commissioner of a county under quarantine has a duty to enforce Section 3424. No reimbursement is required for Section 3424 under Section 177561 of the Government Code because the agricultural commissioners of Fresno and Madera counties requested this change in regulation.

The Department also has determined that no savings or increased costs to any state agency, no reimbursable costs or savings under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code to local agencies or school districts, no nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, and no costs or savings in federal funding to the State will result from the proposed action.

The cost impact of the changes in the regulations on a representative private person or business is not expected to be significantly adverse. A representative person or business could incur costs of approximately \$466 per year in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. The Department has determined that this action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on housing costs or California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Assessment

The Department has made an assessment that this amendment to the regulations would <u>not</u> (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new business or eliminate existing businesses within California, or (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Alternatives Considered

The Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.